

The provisional government of Poland, organized by the National Committee of Liberation of which Edward Morawski (above) is premier, has been recognized by the U.S.S.R. The British and American governments, notified in advance of Russian intentions, are withholding action.



PERSONAL STUFF

BY E. E. R.

IT WAS in a delightful little book which Dr. Harry W. Laidler wrote for his own children some years ago that I first read the story of the well. You remember it? A traveller was making his way along a dusty highway on a hot summer day and becoming very thirsty was glad to accept an invitation on a placard which had him pump himself a cold drink of water from a wayside well. He pumped and pumped and pumped, a trickle of water finally coming out of the spout to fill the cup he held beneath it. After he had finished drinking he proceeded a short way to where he saw a man sitting on a wide veranda sipping a drink and looking altogether comfortable. Thinking he might do a good turn the traveller approached the man on the veranda and said: "I've just been getting a drink from your well. I appreciate it very much, but I think your pump must be out of order." There was a satisfied little smile on the face of the owner of the well as he said: "No, stranger, I don't think there is anything wrong with the pump." The traveller persisted: "Well, sir, I don't like to contradict you but there is only one trick of water run out of the spout no matter how hard one pumps. I am sure there must be something wrong with it." The owner's smile broadened. "No, stranger. There's nothing wrong with the pump. You see, I have a pipe from that well running to a cistern in my house. When chaps like you who are thirsty accept my invitation to pump a drink for yourselves, you have to pump a long time to get enough water to satisfy your thirst. But all the time you are pumping a steady stream into my cistern. No, stranger, there's nothing wrong with the pump. It's a mighty good pump—for me."

That perfect illustration of the way the capitalist system works for the owner of the means of production, has been noted extensively. Well, Harry Laidler has a way of telling a story that makes it interesting no matter how "dry" the subject. For that reason I can endorse what M. J. Coldwell said about Dr. Laidler's new book, "Social-Economic Movements," in a recent issue of this paper. It is probably the most complete summary of the history of such movements, from the social prophets of the Old Testament to the C.C.F. in Canada, that has ever been written. It's an expensive volume (\$6.00) but almost a "must" for the student.

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HOT FIGHT IN N. GREY

Labor Unions Pledge Aid To The CCF

President of Owen Sound Labor Council Issues Statement

TORONTO (CPA)—At a meeting presided over by Percy England, president of the Owen Sound Labor Council, a statement prepared by the Executive Committee of the Owen Sound Labor Council and a joint meeting of all union locals endorsing the candidature of Air Vice-Marshal Earl Godfrey as the C.C.F. candidate in the North Grey by-election was presented and passed. The unions represented at the meeting were: Local 2649, United Steel Workers of America; Local No. 1, Canadian Woodworkers' Union; Local 2827, United Steel Workers' Union; Local 221, International Fur and Leather Workers' Union; Local 2863, United Steel Workers of America; Local No. 5, Canadian Woodworkers' Union; Local 2447, United Steel Workers of America. The statement reads in part: "The working people of Grey North have a most important responsibility in the by-election of February 5th."

"More than twelve hundred union members in Owen Sound recognize that the unionists from coast to coast in Canada, expect them to reflect all labor's opinion, as well as their own, in this by-election."

"We endorse the Political Action Program of the Canadian Congress of Labor as laid down by the last convention of the C.C.L. (Please Turn to Page Seven)"

REMOVE LABOR MAN FROM HOSPITAL BD.

By Special Correspondent

CALGARY—"The C. G. T. A. is always prepared to meet emergencies. Labor never is." This was a statement made at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, January 12, at the Labor Temple, by Alderman G. M. Brown. The question arose regarding maneuvering by the C.G.T.A. aldermen which resulted in the removal of veteran Labor delegate, James Worsley, from the Hospital Board committee.

"I am answerable for my actions to this council and to every ratepayer in the city of Calgary. The Civic Government Tax Payers' Association is answerable to no one," said Brown. Old age was the reason given by C. G. T. A. members for the displacement of Mr. Worsley. A number of suspicious Trades Council members were inclined to believe that Mr. Worsley's vigorous efforts to keep hospital rates down had something to do with it.

A motion by G. E. Kirke expressing appreciation to Mr. Worsley for services rendered on behalf of Labor was passed unanimously.

By special Agent Y. D. Daniels announced that the Dairy Employee's Union, (Please Turn to Page Three)



A.F. of L. Unions Behind Coast Street Car Men Strike Has Not Seriously Upset Ordinary Routine Vancouver Citizens

At present time on Wednesday it was reported that a new union proposal for settlement of the street car strike had been sent to Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor. It was stated to have contained an offer to return to work if the 2,700 men involved are granted six cents an hour increase.

VANCOUVER, (CPA)—Still holding the support of an overwhelming body of public opinion, the streetcar men of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster had completed nine workless days on Wednesday with the end of their strike, the first since 1919, not yet in sight. There are 2,700 men and women involved.

The general public view the strike as a contest between the employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company on one side and the B.C.E.R. and the P.E.C. Please turn to page two

A.F.U. Convention Here Jan. 23-26

The U.F.A. convention in Edmonton this week will be followed by the annual gathering of the Alberta Farmers' Union in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton. The A.F.U. sessions will commence on Tuesday, January 23rd and will continue until Friday, January 26.

C.C.F. Open Forum On Farmer-Labor Relations Jan. 30

"Where Farmer and Labor Meet" will be the topic for discussion when the Edmonton C.C.F. holds an open forum in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday, January 30, at 8:15 p.m. J. E. Cook, President of the Alberta C.C.F., and Mrs. Charles Dowdell of Millet, will represent the farmers and A. Arnold and Archie Allen, Labor.

British Labor M.P. At Jewish Congress

MONTREAL—Sydney Silverman, Labor Member of the British House of Commons for Nelson and Colne, urged the United Nations to proclaim an international bill of minimum and inalienable rights for all human beings guaranteeing life, liberty, and the pursuit and attainment of happiness at a Canadian Jewish Congress luncheon here. Michael Garber, K.C., presided.

Mr. Silverman is visiting this continent for the first time as guest of the national convention of Canada Jewry which met in Toronto on January 13-16.

"The conscience of humanity demands such an international bill of rights. The world has become so small a place that we can not afford to treat any infractions as of local importance," he said.

Strength of CCF Worries Old Parties

Air Vice-Marshal Godfrey's Record and C.C.F. Program Proving Attractive

As The People's Weekly goes to press a Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa to the daily papers says: "Gossip in Ottawa has it that the contest so far is fairly even as between the three candidates but that both the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives were concerned about the strength being shown by the C.C.F. standard-bearer."

(Exclusive to People's Weekly)

TORONTO (CPA)—The attention of all Canada is focussed on the by-election in Grey North. And well it may be. Coming just before a general election, it may give the cue to the decision the public may make in that election. The riding is half urban and half rural, containing one large town, Owen Sound, and several small towns, such as Meaford, Thornbury and Clarksburg. The rural area is divided between good agricultural land in the southern end, and poor land in the western end. Trade unionism has taken hold only recently in Owen Sound and Meaford. The riding is now held by the Liberals, and has on the whole tended toward the Liberals, although the seat has at times been held by the Conservatives. The C.C.F. vote in the province (Please Turn to Page Seven)

RADIO FUND IN NEED OF BOOST

Since the last acknowledgment of radio fund receipts \$74.63 has been sent in by contributors. This has only been a fraction of the amount spent for radio time in that period. The broadcasts have been coasting along on a surplus held over from last season. However, the bottom of the barrel is in sight and if the broadcasts are to continue there will have to be an increase in subscriptions.

Under a new radio set-up in the province it is planned to give listeners an informative series of broadcasts based on the new C.C.F. manifesto adopted by the national convention. This is a splendid statement of C.C.F. policy covering

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CCF Broadcast by Roper on Jan. 19; Cook Speaks Jan. 26

C.C.F. broadcasts are given every Friday at 10:15 p.m.

On Friday, January 19, at 10:15 p.m., Elmer E. Roper, C.C.F. Provincial Leader, will be the speaker. J. E. Cook, Provincial President, will be the speaker on Friday, January 26, when he will have a special message for members of Co-operatives.

We Are Teaching Italians To Distrust Us, too....

SAYS W. M. TOWLER,
Foreign Editor, London Daily Herald

WE HAVE heard plenty about the political turmoil that has come to Allied territory we have freed of the enemy. What of former enemy territory?

Sweet hopes of liberation in Italy have proved in effect to be a very bitter lemon.

A visitor from that country, a man of high political integrity, has just given me a picture of the political situation there today.

To appreciate it fully, let us swiftly review events in Italy since the Armistice was signed by Badoglio in September last year.

Hopes of Armed Help

The Allies began by bolstering up Badoglio and by showing favor to the Royal house—the excuse being that this attitude would bring up the co-operation of the Italian Army and Navy.

As our forces moved ahead and some territory was handed over to Italian control, a Committee of National Liberation was formed of six parties of pre-Fascist days—Liberal Democrat, Socialist, Christian Democrat, Labor, Action and Communist—all agreeing to a political truce.

We should remember that this organization, though acting as a sort of Parliament, has no electoral basis for its authority. Free elections are still to come in Italy.

In April of last year the Committee agreed to work with Badoglio on the understanding that the government would be reorganized when the Allies reached Rome.

Victor Emmanuel abdicated and handed over such royal power as remained to his son, Umberto.

Bonomi Takes Over

When the Allies did enter Rome in June the Badoglio government fell. Ivanoe Bonomi (named after Walter Scott's hero Ivanhoe), 71-year-old pre-Mussolini Premier and Foreign Minister, took over.

Here is a picturesque old fighter for good causes, a friend of Matteotti and a founder of the Italian Socialist Party. Today he is a scholarly figure, thin, white-haired and bearded.

Throughout the Fascist regime he lived in Rome, constantly spied on, but saved from Mussolini's spite through having once received the Order of the Annunziata, which made him a "cousin of the King."

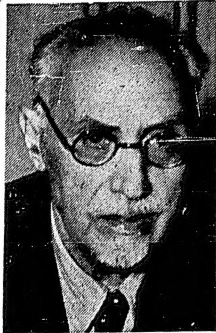
Six hours after the fall of Mussolini a paper edited by Bonomi was selling on the streets of Rome.

Then Praise for Umberto

Mr. Churchill went to Italy in August. He came back with an enthusiasm for Umberto, whom he praised in a House of Commons speech.

The Bonomi government struggled on against economic distress, hunger, separatist riots in Sicily and quarrels among the parties. Bonomi resigned in November.

Rome Liberation Committee, a strong force behind the government, demanded Count Sforza—Italian exile returned from America—as Foreign Minister.



Emboldened by events in Greece, Marshal Badoglio, first head of the Italian government since it got out of the war on the Axis side, has "offered" to take over the reins again. But Ivanoe Bonomi (above), present premier, has received a reaffirmation of support from the six parties now in the Italian government.—(Federated Pictures)

The British government, without consultation with the other Allies, raised immediate objection.

This brought the public rebuke to Britain from the new United States Secretary of State Stettinius, with its reminder that Italians should be permitted to work out their own problems of government along democratic lines without influence from outside."

Bonomi has since formed a less representative government in which two Left-wing parties, Socialist and Action, now refuse to join.

Gloom About the Future
What has been the result of all this among the Italian masses?

There is a general feeling of gloom among genuine democrats there. People who have looked in the past to Britain and the United States for guidance and help back to a new way of life look with dismay on the happenings of this year.

As a result of the backing of Badoglio and the royal family, they see monarchists and near-Fascists, instead of being downcast, becoming arrogant and confident again.

They see economic distress and starvation around them. For this they are blaming Britain as the occupying power on the spot.

As Britain's popularity dies, Russia's grows. They forget that Russia stepped in first of all the Allies to recognize the original Badoglio government.

On the walls of Rome the scrawlings say, "Evviva Stalin," (Long live Stalin). Any that once said "Evviva Churchill" have long since been washed away by the rains.

Unpopularity of British policy is growing to such an extent that

even Umberto is beginning to feel unhappy at the ostentatious backing given to him by Mr. Churchill.

Zeal of the Partisans in northern Italy has cooled notably through their growing suspicion that Britain is backing the house of Savoy.

News of what has been happening in Greece is known also to have had an even further depressing effect.

That is my Socialist informant's assessment of the situation today.

He adds the depressing forecast that if present policy persists it will lead to a clash of reactionaries (aristocrats, monarchists, and former Fascists) against Communists, backed by Russia, with the real democratic forces squeezed in between the two.

It is too late to fall back on the excuse that the whole of Italy is not yet liberated and all will be well after elections can be held.

We have granted a so-called liberty and then interfered. The suspicion that we shall interfere later is bound to remain.

Only some honest, forthright declaration in which all the threat of western powers are associated can repair the damage that has been done.

SASK. FUR SALE IS 'DECIDED SUCCESS'

REGINA, Sask.—First auction sale held by the newly-formed Saskatchewan Government Fur Marketing Agency was described by Natural Resources Minister J. L. Phelps, as a "decided success, better than we figured on."

Around \$91,000 worth of furs were sold at the sale, with profits of approximately \$5,000 realized by the agency. A second sale has been scheduled for Feb. 16, with later sales depending on receipts of furs from trappers and ranchers. All wild furs were sold, one wolf pelt bringing in \$13.75, top price for the season in Canada. The high for platinum foxes was \$94, for wild mink \$39.

Fur buyers, they came from as far off as New York, Chicago, Montreal and Winnipeg, had praise for the agency set-up, particularly the way the furs had been prepared and displayed, although several of them regarded the agency as "unfair competition."

Fur ranchers were unanimous in approving the venture, and were generally satisfied with the prices they got. W. H. Lefurey, manager, pointed out that the agency provided a convenience for the fur ranchers particularly and that, due to its operation, profits that formerly went elsewhere were kept in the province.

More than 26,000 pelts, worth some \$120,000, were on sale. The \$5,000 profits were realized on the 5 per cent commission the agency charges for handling the furs, as well as charges for brokerage and packing.

PROCEEDING WITH SASK. HEALTH PLAN

REGINA, Sask.—Division of the province into 17 health regions, with two south regions to be set up shortly for experimental purposes, is the plan the Saskatchewan Health Services Planning Commission is working on at present, said Dr. M. C. Sheps, commission secretary. Final decision on the location of the two test regions rests with the provincial cabinet, as does that of the 17 regions, boundaries for which have been worked out tentatively.

Preventive and other kinds of health services will be combined in each of the regions, with an ob-

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A.F. of L. Unions Behind

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eral Department of Labor and its boards on the other. Neither the company nor the Liberal administration at Ottawa is very popular in these parts.

After ten months of negotiation, conciliation, arbitration, buck-passing and just plain stalling, the employees, members of Divisions 101, 109 and 134, Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America (A.F.L.), on January 8 voted to strike the next day at 4 a. m., when the first streetcars in Vancouver were scheduled to leave the barns. By a vote of 1889 to 150, the workers refused to accept wage increases of 4½ cents an hour to all except trackmen and mechanics who were offered eight cents an hour.

Favor Company

In the original agreement submitted to the company last March, besides some 50 items affecting working conditions, the union sought wage increases ranging from 12½ cents to 29 cents an hour for the various categories. The company submitted the case to the Regional War Labor Board which awarded a flat 4½ cents an hour increase. This was unacceptable to the company which thought it too much, and to the union which thought it too little. An appeal to the National War Labor Board favored the company, as the board refused to sanction even the 4½ cent boost recommended by the R.W.L.B.

Revenue Doubled

However, the strike threat brought an offer—apparently approved by the labor department—of 4½ cents an hour for the streetcar men and bus drivers and eight cents an hour for the trackmen and mechanics. The union's basis for negotiation includes an eight-cent an hour increase for streetcar men and on up to 25 and 29 cents an hour for city and interurban trackmen.

With traffic and gross revenue double pre-war levels, the B.C.E.R. employees contend that their demands are quite reasonable. And if they don't stand firm, they believe their defeat would be eagerly seized on by anti-labor employers as the signal to open a union-busting campaign.

Saturday the B.C.E.R. flatly rejected the union's offer to re-open negotiations unless the employees go back to work first. Although rumors are as numerous as hitch-

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Int. Union Officer Arrives
The international office of the union has ordered O. A. Rowan of Los Angeles, West Coast "trouble-shooter" for the union, to go to Vancouver to investigate the case, and the labor department was instrumental in getting him a priority on a plane. A. L. Spradling, acting president of the international union, has urged the striking unionists to go back to work, pointing to the A.F.L. "no strike" pledge. If the international office fails to back the strike, the members of the three B. C. divisions will be without strike benefits from their international.

Other Unions Back Men
Local A.F.L. unions are solidly behind the streetcar men and have urged their streetcar-riding members to follow a "no lift" policy during the strike.

The dire prediction of the calamity, howlers have not materialized for the strike has had small effect on industry as about 90 per cent of the war industry workers have managed to get to their jobs. Downtown retail store business is down about 25 per cent but the suburban merchants are in the throes of a buying boom. About 23 schools are closed because the oil controller has declined to grant teachers extra gasoline.

L.P.P. Rebuke

L.P.P. adherents, who are delegates to the Vancouver Labor Council, made much of the "no strike" pledge at the council meeting on January 9. While giving oral support to the strikers, the C.C.L. council's resolution of support contained a thinly veiled rebuke to the streetcar men and women.

Some delegates to the Labor Council were astounded to hear L.P.P. spokesmen uttering almost the same words as appeared in a company advertisement, which said: "The company, however, believes that a strike under wartime conditions would be a catastrophe, involving not only the stoppage of essential war production but the actual loss needlessly of the lives of soldiers overseas."

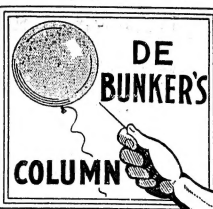
This statement was made in the face of the fact, well-known locally, that war industries here, except at Boeing's, are just going through the motions right now. The truth is the effect of the strike on the public has been a disappointment to both the B.C.E.R. and the union. The public is supporting the union, but the strike has not seriously upset the ordinary, everyday routine of Vancouver citizens to any great extent. These conditions may change if the strikers stay out another week—and there is no prospect of an immediate settlement.



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MERIT PLAN?

Right now in the midst of a critical phase of the war Big Business is preparing for the struggle for post-war markets. On the radio and in the press industrial leaders and corporation magnates are openly telling the public that social security talk is so much bunk and political propaganda. Definite steps are being taken to meet the competition for peace-time contracts.

One of these steps is the government-sponsored "Merit Plan" now in operation in many war plants and industries. I have first-hand knowledge of its operation at a great aircraft plant at the Lakehead, where 6,000 workers are building vital war planes. The plan is introduced under the pretense of stimulating production, but the real objective is to rate the workers for the time when the lay-off comes.

When the tide of war was in favor of the Axis and workers were needed to build up Allied armaments, there were no questions asked. Everybody was welcome, young or old, fit or crippled—jobs were found for all, training was provided and each one gave of their labor according to his or her capacity.

But now the scene has changed. Cut-backs are taking place. The end of war contracts are in sight. Companies are prospecting for post-war piece time contracts. Such contracts will be secured by the lowest bidders. Labor must again be calculated as a commodity. It must be cheap and it must be the most efficient obtainable. Production will again proceed on a profit basis. It was all very well to welcome a retired machinist back to his lathe and put him on the back of his patriotic sense of duty while war planes were needed. Now it's different. Only the young and the nimble and the most efficient must remain on the job. The rest must go. Sorry. Go where? Well, there is the unemployment insurance bureau and maybe, the bread-line.

So, the supervisors are asked to rate every worker according to his capacity and ability. Just like a farmer would test his dairy cows for butterfat in their milk. A standard is set. Those below the standard will go to the packing plant or provide fox-food. The good cows will be kept and scientific feeding introduced. To coax the most out of the worker a prize is offered: a picture book or a model plane for those with the highest marks. When the tabulation is made the boss will know whom to keep and whom to lay off.

The unions have been asked to endorse this plan and some have swallowed the bait. But others can see through the scheme and have recognized it for what it is. It's the bosses business.

It is just the shadow of things to come: Competitive production for private gain based on exploitation of labor. All evidence points toward a return to a pre-war economy of scarcity. Those of us who object to a return to pre-war economy better make up our minds to register against it at the next federal election. There will be a C.C.F. candidate in your constituency.

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BOOSTS SASK. BONDS

Editor, The People's Weekly.
Sir: In the Free Press Prairie Farmer of Jan. 3, 1945, I notice the following re the C.C.F. government of Saskatchewan selling \$1,000,000 worth of bonds for industrial development.

"If the government fails to sell these bonds it will be a black day for the entire prairie. If it succeeds it will not have enough capital to make even a modest beginning."

This is the general attitude of the capitalist press, including the Social Credit party, which is indistinguishable from the old line parties in its opposition to the C.C.F.

C.C.F. supporters in Alberta and all over Canada should rally to the cause, and purchase not \$1,000,000 but \$10,000,000 worth of Saskatchewan Industrial bonds, if they can be bought outside Saskatchewan. Let us unite and make our money talk. Every bond bought will be a punch to these servants of Capitalism. Yours,

R. M. THORNTON.

Sedalia, Alta.

UNTO HIM THAT HATH

Editor, The People's Weekly.

Sir: No doubt you have a copy of the Dominion Auditor-General's report for some date in the past few years, and you might therefore be in a position to advise whether or not the late Sir William Mulock was on the superannuation list of the Dominion, and how much he had received annually since his retirement? I have no doubt but that he was on the list, and I also think that the people should be advised of this, as he left such a large sum of money to his relatives and to his assistant in crime, W. L. Mackenzie King.

To get the Old-age Pension a man (or woman) must be almost penniless, and must have no property or revenue over the small allowance granted by the act. Yet a servant of the people, who has been well-paid for his services while at work, is granted a liberal pension without any padlocks attached. They seem to put a wrong interpretation on the Biblical saying that "Unto he that hath, more shall be given; and he that hath but little, that little shall be taken even though it be but little."

I still contend that the people should be advised of the outcome of electing lawyers into the parliament. See St. Luke, Chap. 11, verses 45 and 46.

Yours truly,

DISGUSTED.

Edmonton.

"PHOOEY," HE SAYS

Editor, The People's Weekly.

Sir: In a pamphlet which I received recently from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association there is a report of the International Business Conference held in the United States in November. Representatives of 52 countries attended.

I was particularly interested in the "Report of Private Enterprise Section." I wish I could quote the whole thing, but perhaps, the following quotation may give you an idea of what it contained. "The consensus of opinion of the section is that the private enterprise system is the best known

means of bringing about effective world prosperity and employment, of securing and maintaining world peace, thereby assuring a higher standard of living for all peoples."

Good heavens! Haven't people like that any sense of humor? "World prosperity and employment," "world peace!" Can even they ignore the fact that under their rotten system we emerged out of the worst depression in history only by getting into the worst war in history?

Phooey on their "private enterprise!"

CO-OPERATOR.

Edmonton.

JACQUES AND HITLER

Editor, The People's Weekly.

Sir: Appropos of the letter in last week's paper quoting "Men Kampf" and Social Credit speakers, your readers may be interested in this: Some time ago I was reading something said or written by Norman Jacques, M.P., and he used the phrase "supra-national international," referring of course to the alleged combination of "international Jewish finance" and Socialism (Shylock and Marx). I thought it was quite a phrase.

Being somewhat familiar with Mr. Jacques's language I could scarcely believe that he had invented "supra-national" himself. I got the answer today when reading Konrad Heiden's "Der Fuehrer." A quotation from a speech by Hitler contained these words: "An inexorable struggle between the ideals of those who believe in a national people and the ideals of the intangible, supra-national international." J. E. H. SMITH.

Edmonton.

HITLER ECHO

Editor, The People's Weekly.

Sir: The national leader of the Social Credit movement, Hon. Solon Low, while addressing a meeting of Social Crediters here on January 9, gave out with a venom-laden tirade reminiscent of the fusillades of Hitler during the early war years.

"There are powerful and highly organized forces at work to establish the opposite form of society as a basis of civilization. They are endeavoring to force upon mankind a vile, degenerate, materialistic dictatorship under an organized world tyranny operated by a gang of power-maniacs, and in the pursuit of their objective these arch-criminals are using any and every means to attack, discredit and destroy Democracy and Christianity." Who does that remind you of?

It ill-becomes Mr. Low to try to impute Fascist tendencies to any organization. His record and that of other Social Credit leaders bear out the fact that if any political organization ever raised its ugly head and bared its poisonous fangs in Canada whose leaders showed the definite traits and earmarks of Fascism that organization was and is Social Credit. Their record of anti-Semitism is too well known to need comment here. But let us not forget the infamous and vicious press bill passed by the Social Credit dominated Alberta Legislature a few years ago, one clause of which sought to deny citizens the right to vindicate themselves in the courts of the province.

Mr. Low is today the bed-fellow of the "big shots" he was going to slay in 1935; the tool of the big bankers, industrialists and Fascist-minded monopolists, while the twenty-five bucks has been forgotten and the people have been left holding the sack.

We are fighting a war to destroy Hitlerism abroad. We must also deal properly with the small-time Hitler at home.

D. P. MORRISON.



By ZELLA SPENCER

PROBABLY the greater number of us at different times have exclaimed "Everyone is a little queer but you and me and sometimes I have my doubts about you." The cause of this ejaculation may be the actions of some others or their expressed likes and dislikes which cause this comment. More frequently I think it is some beliefs or some reasoning of another which we are attempting to follow which causes us to give voice to our feelings in that old saying. We feel so sure that it is either utterly absurd or most glaringly wrong.

Of course we know that they are probably entertaining the same opinion of us. Naturally that to us is but one more proof that they are "off."

The other day I read an article in the Toronto Saturday Night. No doubt the writer thought his comments most obvious and most logical. To me, his reasoning was so very wide of the mark that I think we would probably put each other in the queer class.

The article was on "Socialism and Racism, A Menace to Unity." In it the writer went to great length to prove that the C.C.F. was "a disrupting force which was making for lack of unity at a time when the feeling of unity was needed more than usually. But I think I shall give you an extract from the article.

He said, "The spirit and goal of Democracy is to make food and shelter as accessible to all as water, or the use of roads or the benefits of public services now to be found in all areas of advanced civilization. This kind of Democracy we have in Canada and it is the outcome of an earnest and toilsome historical process. And it's development has been in conformity with Nature. So that in this, the year of 1945, we can say that there exists in Canada a just balance between the principle of freedom and the principle of justice. This Democracy the C.C.F. excommunicates and would destroy and replace it by a sort of collectivism which is un-Canadian and has all the implications of totalitarianism."

I do not think I need quote more nor need I comment thereon. But you see what is served out to the public. I might add that one thing always amuses me. That is when a speaker or writer so loudly decries Socialistic effort and the terrors resulting therefrom, and in the next breath comments that the public roads are a most worthwhile institution. Does it not strike them that they are but a socialized public service for the use of the people and not for profit for some company or firm?

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THIS IS A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

WHAT fantastic material the hirelings who serve the interests opposed to the C.C.F. will use to fashion a missile to hurl our way, is illustrated by the quotation from the Calgary *Albertan* in the Third Column. It is typical of the way the daily press of Canada is using the resignation from the C.C.F. of two or three L.P.P. "borers-from-within".

There has never been, of course, any arrangement about sharing nominations with the Labor Progressive Party. On the contrary successive national conventions of the C.C.F. have gone on record very emphatically forbidding any such arrangement in any part of the country. The editorial writers know this as well as we do.

But possibly the most amusing phase of the campaign which the press is building around the L.P.P. assault on the C.C.F. is to hold up the Communist borer-from-within as bravely-independent Labor men who refused to be dictated to by any party machine. As if the lads weren't taking their orders to resign from the C.C.F. from the tightest political party dictatorship in the world!

Let us be clear about the matter of party loyalty. It only means that a man who accepts a nomination from the C.C.F., or who even becomes a member of the C.C.F., pledges himself to adhere to the policies laid down by the membership in provincial and national conventions. Such decisions by the membership of a people's movement mean nothing at all unless the movement requires its representatives to adhere to them.

It may be that minorities, or even one man, may be right and everybody else wrong. But if democracy means anything it means that majorities decide the issues in a democratic movement or nation. It is therefore patently absurd that an individual who decides that he cannot accept the policies of a movement of which he is a member should be referred to as having refused to abide by the "dictation" of the movement. It is he who wishes to "dictate".

No political organization has a right to present policies for endorsement by the electorate unless it requires its representatives to adhere to those policies. No political movement has a right to claim to be a people's movement if there is no obligation on the part of its representatives to carry out the majority decisions of the movement. The C.C.F. is a people's movement.

SOCIALISM THE ENEMY

"IT IS Socialism that is our enemy", said Mr. J. Thauberger, of Weyburn, addressing the Saskatchewan Social Credit convention in Regina recently.

So Socialism was the cause of the gunnysack clothing, the gopher soup, the poverty-in-the-midst-of-plenty, the Fifty Big Shots, the Money-changers-in-the-Temple, economic slavery—all those things which in 1935 brought the Social Credit party into being can be laid at the door of Socialism!

Socialism may indeed be the enemy of promise-breaking politicians, but it is not the enemy of the people who voted for the deceivers. It is the enemy of special privilege, it is the enemy of poverty, of injustice, of unemployment and fear and want. It is the enemy of war and pestilence and the system of private exploitation of the people and the resources of the nation. Socialism is the enemy of all these things and it is only as Social Credit associates itself with them and seeks to perpetuate them that it earns the enmity of Socialism.

THEY SEE A THREAT

WHEN a case is on trial it is not considered to be the thing to try to prejudice the jury. But that doesn't apply to the people who want to thwart the attempts of the people to achieve economic democracy. And so preliminary to the sittings of the commission which is enquiring into the taxation of co-operatives, the grain trade and other interests which are determined to destroy the Co-ops, have their agents travelling up and down the country addressing Chamber of Commerce and other meetings in an attempt to build up public opinion in favor of taxing away the surpluses of co-operatives.

Only the kind of a government the people of Canada will elect in the next election ranks in importance with this issue. The co-operatives represent a widespread effort on the part of the people of Canada to obtain a greater measure of control over their economic affairs. The financial and industrial interests which now control the economic life of the nation see their hold threatened. That is the explanation of the fight which they are now directing against the Co-ops.

THE THIRD COLUMN

We will pay \$1.00 each issue for what the publisher considers the best bit of published news or comment clipped from newspapers or magazines, not to exceed 100 words. Address it to: The Third Column, The People's Weekly, Edmonton.

Two significant conclusions can be drawn from this survey.

First, that C.C.F. strategy will continue to capitalize on ignorance, by emphasizing meaningless catch phrases and vague promises.

Second conclusion is the vital necessity of a joint offensive by all the foes of a political "system" which would lead to state control and ownership of every industry, every store and every farm in Canada, which would put Canadians into the same kind of straight jacket which Hitler fashioned for Germany. Socialism is counting on ignorance to put it into power. It is up to its foes to inform and warn all democratic Canadians.—Financial Post, Jan. 13, 1945.

Now it has been suddenly revealed that for a long time the C.C.F. has had a working arrangement with the Labor Progressive Party, the latest alias of the Canadian Communists. Apparently the two parties agreed to split the field; the L.P.P. were not to put up candidates in any riding where the C.C.F. had a man running. Presumably as a return for this, the C.C.F. in some constituencies, nominated Labor-Progressive adherents as its own candidates. This happened in the West Calgary federal riding, where Dr. D. A. MacKenzie, who has publicly professed himself a Labor-Progressive sympathizer, was selected to carry the Coldwell banner.—Calgary *Albertan*, Jan. 15, 1945.

The late "Kingfish" Huey Long had been speaking on a bill in the U. S. Senate for more than two hours, when he called for a glass of water.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order," said Senator Johnson of California.

"State your point of order."

"Mr. Speaker," continued Senator Johnson with a straight face. "I would like to draw the attention of the Senator from Louisiana that it is out of order to run a windmill with water."—*Thessalonian* Anecdotes, edited by Edmund Fuller.

"On my way to the House of Lords I met one of our legislators, a Tory peer of my acquaintance, who asked me why on earth I was going there. I told him there was a debate on Dumbarton Oaks."

"Dumbarton Oaks?" he queried. "Now where is that? Somewhere up in Scotland, isn't it?"

"And when I told him that it wasn't and that he might link up this picturesque American name with others like Bretton Woods and Hot Springs, he said: 'Oh yes, I see.'"

"Now that is a word-for-word true story, so I went well schooled to listen to the debate on the proposals for world security against aggression."

H. R. S. Phillipott, parliamentary correspondent of the London Daily Herald.

Packages of gifts made up by local school children were distributed the other day in a nearby military hospital. One soldier found in his package a note signed with a girl's name and address. It suggested that they might correspond. "But don't get any ideas," the writer had added. "I'm only 9½ years old."—New Yorker.



WILLIAM IRVINE'S WEEKLY COMMENT

Silence Covers Ignorance Best

DO YOU want to know what to expect in Canada after the war? If so read the speeches of the general managers of big business and the banks. It seems that when a man has become proficient in lending somebody else's money and has been hired by a corporation to do so, he conceives himself to be a sage, a scientist, an economist, a sociologist and a philosopher. He might get away with this high opinion of himself if he would keep silent. But as soon as he opens his mouth the resultant raucous "hee ha" reveals the genius. We would remind these geniuses such as Mr. C. H. Carliere, president of the Dominion Bank, that absolute silence is the best cloak for ignorance yet devised, and that if they want to pose as sages they had better practice "silence."

Protect Debt

The Dominion Bank reports total investments of \$143,636,000; that \$139,419,000 of the total is invested in Dominion and Provincial government securities. The first concern of its president appears to be the protection of this debt. Our problems, he tells us, "will not be solved if we add unduly to our present debt." This suggests that "the problem" to the bank president is one of collecting debts. We can think of a better solution than that. When the people of Canada own all the banks they will own their own debts. When that happens then paying debts will mean paying themselves. If bank presidents think that the people of Canada are going to ham string the economy after the war by tying it to the ignorance of present banking policy, they had better forget it. When the people become their own bankers as they must certainly will, then it will be proved that there will be plenty of money to pay for all wealth which is it physically possible to produce. And since our bankers do not know what money is for, they will have to be shown. And they will be.

Solving The Problem

There are conditions to be fulfilled if our post-war problem is to be solved, says the president of the Dominion Bank. One of these essential conditions, according to him, is that some people must "stop causing people to believe that post-war conditions will be free from want, free from fear, free from unemployment, free from depressions." What a fine world our bankers have in view for the returning heroes of World War II! They are to come back prepared to endure want, fear, unemployment, and depression. And they must be prepared to endure these unnecessary evils in order that they may pay the bankers the cost of the war which the bankers so graciously permitted our sons to fight. And so pop goes the four freedoms. Protect the bankers' debts and to hell with the people. Let them starve and fear; be unemployed, broken-hearted and frustrated. If the bankers do not want a bloody revolution they had better shut up.

Bankers Must Go

People must not be told that they "will enjoy a higher standard of living, shorter working hours; that if we can finance war we can finance peace," says our bankers. On the contrary his direct inference is that people must be prepared in advance to accept lower standards of living and longer hours of work and that they must

expect that bankers will not release more credits for peace because the burden of war debts will be all that they the people can stagger away with. He makes this crystal clear in the next paragraph of his speech when he says that we can only pay our debts by "a lower cost of production, a lower cost of living, and willingness to receive less wages." We will leave the bankers to convince the Canadian people to continue starving themselves in the midst of plenty just to preserve ignorant financial policies and privileges. But we would add that since the bankers have openly confessed their lack of knowledge of how to finance a prosperous peace, they have by the some token revealed their incompetence to hold the power over the nation's economic life inherent in financial control. Just think of it! Think of the ignorance as well as the impudence of telling eleven million people who can produce ten billion dollars' worth of wealth each year, that they must endure fear, want, and unemployment because the bankers don't know how to finance the national economy. There is only one answer and that is that the bankers must get out and let some one who does know how, to do the job.

Abundant Production Possible

People must not be "caused to believe that they can have shorter working hours—which means less production at higher costs." How could any person even in the morose class be so ill-informed about modern productive capacity as to say that? What are the facts? The N.S.P.P.C. enquiry under the chairmanship of Mr. Harold Lock is perhaps the most thorough examination of potential productive capacity ever undertaken in this hemisphere. Why do not bankers read such things and get wised up? One finding of the N.S.P.P.C. was that the producing capacity of each worker has increased 35 per cent in the last 60 years. Since solar power and mechanical apparatus are constantly increasing production with less man-hour, labor it is just nonsense to say that shorter working hours mean less production. The N.S.P.P.C. found that in 1929, the peak year of American peace production, the national income in terms of real wealth was 93 billion dollars worth; that the capacity of production with existing plant at that time could produce 135 billion dollars worth of wealth; that America was physically competent to produce 300 billion dollars worth of wealth more than she did produce between 1929 and 1935; that this would have provided \$5,000 a year per family. Great technological advance has been made since that time and yet we are told by a Canadian money changer that we must be prepared to endure want, fear, unemployment, lower standards of living and longer hours. What it is certainly time for a change.

The Hitler Method

Hitler was and is the chief opponent of Socialism and Communism. Hon. Solon Low and the Canadian bankers take the position in Canada in respect to Socialism and Communism that Hitler took in Germany. The president of the Dominion Bank used almost the same words as Mr. Low in denunciation of Socialism. After having told us that the bankers will regiment the Canadian people into want, fear, unemployment and depression, they cause they will refuse to finance peace to capacity production as they did in war, Mr. Carliere, the Dominion Bank president, warns

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With the CCF Across Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The C.C.F. members of the provincial Legislature for the Vancouver area took early action in an effort to induce the N.W.L.B. to proceed with a rehearing of the street railwaymen's case and avoid a strike. When the seriousness of the situation became evident a telegram signed by eight M. L. A.'s was sent to Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, demanding immediate action. It was pointed out the street railway workers had demonstrated good faith and a desire to follow legal procedure. It asked the board to proceed immediately with a rehearing.

Burrard C.C.F. Association is beginning a new series of discussion meetings when Grant MacNeill, M.L.A., will be the speaker. The association is sponsoring a challenging series of radio talks "Canada's Problems Are Your Problems," by Arnold Webster, C.C.F. Federal candidate for Vancouver-Burrard. Mrs. Jessie Mendels has been re-elected president. A new C.C.F. club with forty members was formed recently in the Kamloops district when a study group which had met previously at the homes of one of the members was re-organized as a club.

THE MARITIMES

The C.C.F. Leadership School will be held in Halifax, January 26, 27, 28, Fred Young, provincial organizer, announces. "If we are to win elections, we must train for the job," he says. Agenda will include study of organization, campaign work, publicity and finance, chairmanship, public meetings, public speaking, study groups, group work among women and young people, relations with labor unions. It is expected that Halifax members will provide billets and breakfast.

East Stewiacke now has a C.C.F. club, following an organization meeting held in one of the homes in the community.

More than \$5,000 has already been subscribed to the \$20,000 Halifax County C.C.F. campaign fund.

ONTARIO

The last issue of The New Commonwealth, Ontario C.C.F. paper, is devoted to campaign material in the interests of Air Vice-Marshal Earl Godfrey, M.C., A.F.C., C.D., A.D.C., C.C.F. candidate in Grey North. A photograph is reproduced showing him as he paid a routine inspection visit to the east coast station which is the base of the North Atlantic Liberator Squadron. The second day of his visit he made a patrol with one of the crews, and found himself manning a machine-gun in two separate attacks on U-boats of a Nazi wolf pack. "He did some mighty fine shooting, too," said other members of the crew.

SASKATCHEWAN

As a result of the efforts of canvassers for the C.C.F. Victory Fund, both C.C.F. memberships and subscriptions to the Sas-

katchewan Commonwealth have substantially increased.

Warren Mann organized the Rosetown-Biggar constituency, M. J. Caldwell's riding, for the Victory Fund drive, and himself led the way by personally collecting \$4,228.00. This constituency has a quota of \$12,000, one of the largest in the province, and they have finished the job in fourth place.

QUEBEC

The C.C.F. will run candidates in every one of the 65 Quebec constituencies in the coming federal election, M. J. Caldwell, national leader, stated at a meeting in Montreal recently.

CCF NEWS

ALBERTA NOMINATIONS—FEDERAL

Acadia—Jack Sutherland
Athabasca—John M. Wagner
Battle River—Henry E. Spencer.
Bow River—J. H. Caldwell
Calgary East—P. N. R. Morrison.
Camrose—Flt.-Lt. Chester A. Ronning
Edmonton East—Ald. H. D. Ainlay
Edmonton West—Miss Mary R. Crawford
Jasper—Edson—F.O. Harry C. Irvine
Lethbridge—W. W. Scott
Macleod—O. E. Wopiek
Medicine Hat—E. W. Smith
Peace River—J. V. Macklin
Red Deer—A. E. MacLellan.
Vegreville—Michael Tomlyn.
Wetaskiwin—Wilbert Stevens

(Clip above list and send overseas so that the men in the services may become familiar with the name of the C.C.F. candidate in their home constituency.)

CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCES

During the past week Mr. J. E. Cook, Federal campaign manager, has held successful organization conferences at Lac La Biche and Athabasca for the constituency of Athabasca, Onoway and Stony Plain for the constituency of Jasper-Edson.

All of these meetings gave enthusiastic approval to the organization plans for the coming federal election, and responded generously to an appeal for funds to carry these plans through to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Cook will complete his series of constituency conferences by attending the following meetings:

Acadia constituency at Hanna, on January 22. Afternoon meeting to be held in the U.F.A. Co-op store building.

Red Deer at Red Deer, on January 24. Afternoon meeting in the Elks Hall.

Camrose at Strome, on January 25. Afternoon meeting.

Alexandra (Prov.) at Lloydminster, on January 29. Evening meeting in the banquet room of the Royal Cafe.

West Calgary CCF Nomination Jan. 25

CALGARY—A nominating convention to choose a candidate for Calgary West will be held in the Public Library on Thursday, January 25. All West Calgary members are invited to attend.

HEADS WOMEN'S GROUP



MRS. F. C. BUTTERWORTH, who was re-elected president of the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club at the annual meeting held recently.

P. N. R. MORRISON IS HEAD CALGARY CCF

By Special Correspondent

CALGARY—The election of a member to the Provincial Legislature and a member each to the City Council and School Board was the highlight of a report given at the annual meeting of the Calgary C.C.F., January 10, at the Labor Temple. A large number of members turned out to hear reports on the year's work and to elect officers for 1945.

Officers for 1945 are: President, P. N. R. Morrison, M. A.; Vice-President, G. E. Ellinson; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Cherry; Executive members: D. F. McIntosh, Dr. M. Bay, Gladys Dynes, Mrs. Kenn Tory, J. H. Coulter, J. A. Johnson, W. Hamilton, J. Sykes, C. Frederikson.

Miss Cherry reported that over a thousand individual memberships were taken during 1945. A large number of ambitious projects had been undertaken, including large public meetings with M. J. Caldwell, Elmer Roper, T. C. Douglas and Harold Winch as speakers.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson, president of the Women's Council of the C.C.F., gave a comprehensive report on the Council's activities. The greatest project for the year was the refreshment booth at the Calgary Stampede.

The resignation of Dr. D. A. MacKenzie of Banff as candidate for Calgary West was accepted. It was decided that a new nominating convention would be called before the end of January.

Gladys Dynes reported for the Pledge Committee. The canvassing of members is still incomplete but co-operation among members canvassed to date has been gratifying.

Ten was served and the meeting adjourned.

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CCF HEARS TALK ON CO-OP FARMING

CALGARY—The Women's Council C.C.F. held its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening last in the Public Library. Mrs. J. A. Johnson presided.

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. W. R. Roberts, has been connected with co-operative enterprises for many years. She was, therefore, well qualified to speak on the topic, "Co-operative and Communal Farming." She described some of the large farms in the United States where tens of thousands of acres were under one ownership or management. On some of these it had been possible to produce wheat as low as 17¢ a bushel. The workers, although better off financially, than farming individually, were only in the position of wage-earners, as in factories, and were hired and fired at the owner's dictation. Such farms, therefore, were not truly co-operative. But under the direction of the Federal Trade Board, co-operative farms are being developed and proving successful.

Canadian Experiments

In Canada interesting experiments are being carried on, where co-operation is being practised in some ways. As an example, where the homes are built on adjoining quarter-sections, and machinery, household and agriculture are owned co-operatively, and a division of labor practiced. In Gretna, Manitoba, eight young men are farming co-operatively. To get underway six remain in industrial employment in order to provide funds, while two take care of farming operations. Similar experiments are being tried in other parts of Canada. One in Rosetown, Sask., is being watched with interest.

Mrs. Roberts warned against the chief emphasis being laid on increased monetary returns. Rather it should be on the advantages of greater security and social and cultural advantages. Mrs. Goldsmith, a visitor from Kindersley, Saskatchewan, stressed those advantages, the qualities to be desired in co-operation. Mrs. Goldsmith, a C.C.F.er, is to be in Calgary this winter and will attend C.C.F. meetings.

On Friday, January 26, the council will meet in the Labor Temple at 2.30 p. m. Plan of study for the winter will be discussed. New members or visitors will be welcomed. Come and get acquainted.—E.P.

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STREET CAR MEN ASK SMALL PART SWOLLEN PROFITS

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The increase in wages sought by members of the Street Railway Union in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster is but a small part of war-swollen revenues of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, a statement issued last night by the publicity committee for the striking members of Division 101, Vancouver, shows.

Full text of the street railwaymen's statement follows:

"Since 1939, members of the Street Railwaymen's union have received a blanket cost of living increase of 1 1/2 cents an hour. This cost of living "bonus" was compulsory by law and was paid to all working people in Canada.

Work Doubled

"Today the transportation employees find themselves in the unfortunate position of being forced to do twice the amount of work they did in 1939. (According to the Transit Controller's Office there were 107,000 passengers carried in 1944, approximately twice the number carried in 1939). For example, if in 1939 we carried 100 passengers per hour, we must now carry 200 passengers per hour. Of this additional revenue from these extra 100 passengers per hour, the men received the equivalent of two fares and the company received the equivalent of 98 fares.

"Suppose we were working on piece-work in a factory and we doubled our output, could we not expect to receive some considerable increase in pay for this extra work instead of the bare cost of living bonus handed out to every one regardless of the amount of work done?

"Our total demands amount to approximately an additional three fares per hour, leaving the B.C.E.R. with the remaining 95 fares.

"At all times the travelling public pays plenty for the transportation service it receives. The trouble is too much of this revenue is retained by the B.C.E.R. and not enough handed on to the employees who do the work. We regret the inconvenience caused to Vancouver citizens and assure them that the street railwaymen are ready and waiting to resume negotiations that will end the strike.

"In the meantime our members are volunteering their services to drive ambulances. Further, the striking street railwaymen are volunteering their services and their automobiles and are now transporting hospital personnel."

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No Substitute for DOOR-BELL RINGING

During the presidential election campaign in the United States the C.I.O. Political Action Committee did a great deal of effective work, including house-to-house canvassing, in the interests of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Believing it could be utilized to advantage by C.C.F. members during the forthcoming federal election campaign, our P. W. Calgary press correspondent has forwarded a copy of the instructions issued to Political Action canvassers during the presidential campaign. It is reproduced below:

CANVASSING is like love. There is no substitute for love. There is no substitute for doorbell-ringing.

Business people discovered this thousands of years ago. To this day, big business and little business depend on person-to-person, face-to-face selling. A company may spend millions of dollars on newspaper and magazine advertising, or radio shows, or billboards. But they depend on their salesmen to go out and sell their products to the wholesalers or the retailers.

Even the Treasury Department, in its War Bond Drives, depends on personal solicitation for results. In spite of the millions of posters, the millions of leaflets, the hundreds of thousands of ads in all the newspapers and magazines, and the unceasing reminders over the radio—in spite of all these, the greater part of all the People's Bonds, during Drives and in-between Drives, are sold by solicitors in plants and in offices, and by doorbell-ringers in the neighborhoods.

In any political activity, doorbell-ringing and personal contact are even more important than in the sale of bonds or brushes.

In any political campaign—whether it is a campaign of a few neighbors to demand an improvement in their school or some other local issue, or a campaign of a larger political nature—you may have mass meetings, radio speeches, leaflets, newspaper ads. All of these are good. But all of them put together would be wasted without the quiet talk of neighbor to neighbor about the issues and the candidates.

Canvassers Should be Neighbors

Here we come to an important point. The canvassers selected or elected should be assigned to work in the block or apartment house where they live. Wherever possible, the canvassers should be neighbors. Half of the canvasser's battle will be won, half of the success assured, if he or she knows all the people to be canvassed and is known by them.

A canvasser does not have to have any particular training or a special skill. All a canvasser needs is to understand the issues of 1945, realize the importance of political action, and be convinced that it is important for every good citizen to join in the fight for a better America through the use of the vote. Then he or she has to act on his or her conviction and go out and convince the neighbors.

You have noticed, no doubt, that we have repeated "He" or "She" several times in the last two paragraphs. Frankly, we hope it will be "she" as often as possible.

Women Make Good Canvassers

There are many reasons for this. Women spend more time in their neighborhoods than men. They usually buy all the food. They take care of the children. They go to church affairs more often. They

cope with other community problems more frequently than men. Naturally, they see their neighbors more often. They are better known. And they understand the community problems better.

Women start a conversation more easily, know better how to get the information they are after, and, usually, make friends quicker than men.

So, when you select your canvassers, remember that good neighbors make good canvassers.

If there are enough members in your community organization, you will be able to cover your entire community and assign to each canvasser as small an area as possible so that the job will be done well.

But where you have few people to go out as canvassers, don't make the mistake of asking each to cover too much ground. It is better to do less and succeed than to try to do much and fail.

If the canvasser lives in a block of family-unit homes, he or she should be assigned only one side of the block, or about 12-15 families. If the canvasser lives in an apartment house with less than 25 families, he or she may be assigned that apartment house. Under no circumstances should a canvasser, giving part-time to the task, be asked to cover more than 25-30 families.

A canvasser without any previous experience in doorbell-ringing should start with friends or close neighbors. From the experience with them he will learn how to approach others.

After a canvasser has had a little experience, he will know better how to approach people, how many visits to make in a single day, what to say and what to do. But it is well to start with friends, because the chances of winning them over are greater.

Know Whereof You Speak

Before you start out to ring any doorbells, you should first learn as much as you can about the party you represent, what it is, why it was organized, what it is trying to do. You should know the immediate community problems in which all the people in your neighborhood are now deeply interested, the main issue of the election and how they affect you, your friends and your neighbors. You should know the record of your present representative on all legislation affecting the war and the home front. You should know the record of your party in regard to support given to legislation to protect the interests of the worker, the consumer, the small farmer, the small businessman, and racial minorities.

Before any canvassers go out, the entire group in your community organization, under the leadership of the convener, should review and discuss the above topics thoroughly.

In addition, you will receive from time to time material from us (head office) which will deal with current political issues and supply the facts you will need in talks with your neighbors.

But before you go out to convince others, you must be convinced yourself. Before you go out to tell the people what the issues are, make sure that you know whereof you speak.

Now What Shall We Talk About?

Before you ring the first doorbell, think this over:

You can always get people interested in what you are going to say, if they are interested in the topic.

And all people are interested in themselves, their families and their friends.

When you go to see them, start off with a very immediate problem which bothers them. In all likelihood, it is the same problem that bothers you. At your community organization meetings you should decide on what are the local problems of greatest concern to you just now. First you talk to a friend or your closest neighbor about the problem. Then you have the support of another member in the community who thinks as you do. That is your opening.

"I have just been talking with Mary Mitchell—you know, he's in Apartment 5A, and we both felt that something ought to be done about the cost of living being so high when wages are frozen."

Don't try to lay down the law as to what ought to be done. Try to gain your neighbor's confidence. Draw them out. Let them express their opinions. Let them make suggestions on how the problem ought to be handled.

Remember to make your first visit brief. Don't expect to accomplish too much in one visit.

The visit of the canvasser should not be an interruption of family affairs. If the family is at the dinner table, or they have visitors, you should excuse yourself and leave. Before leaving you may set a time when to call again. Find out when it is a good time to see them again. Leave them smiling, so that they will welcome you the next time you ring their doorbell.

Whatever else you do, or fail to do, during the first visit, or any visit after that; never get into an argument with the people you approach. An argument will close their minds to what you have to say. And it will shut their door to you, when next time you are at their door.

You will be most successful if, each time you ring a doorbell, you have some very definite job to accomplish. For example, the signing of a petition of some sort.

If You Don't Know the Answer

In the course of your visits, questions will be asked to which you may not know the answer. It is best not to try to guess the answer. If you don't know tell the people so and promise to find out. In that way you will gain their respect. And it will give you a good reason for calling on them again.

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CCF WOMEN STUDY HEALTH MEASURES

Annual meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. Women's Club was held Monday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. James East. Reports were presented by the secretary-treasurer and chairmen of committees for stamp sales, sick visiting, organization, social and research.

During the 1944 season, in addition to social affairs and current business, the group enjoyed and benefitted greatly from reports and discussions on the following subjects: Rationing, Mrs. F. C. Butterworth; Proportional Representation, Miss Mary Crawford; A Review of Public Health Conditions and Services in Canada, Dr. Geneva Misener; Monopolies, and Ownership of Industries in Canada.

The Research Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Misener, is making a complete study of health services in the various provinces of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the U.S.S.R. Several reports on Canadian provinces have already been presented and these will continue in the 1945 season.

Mrs. F. C. Butterworth was re-elected President, and the other new officers are: Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Hollingshead; Secretary, Mrs. B. P. Marliiss; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Adair; Social Convener, Mrs. D. Raragossky; Sick Visiting Committee, Mrs. Kinisky; Stamp Sales Convener, Mrs. D. L. Shortliffe; Organization Committee, Miss Marian Gimby.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. D. L. Shortliffe, Monday, February 12.

But you should never make notes during a visit. People usually don't like it. They will become guarded and will not speak freely.

You can make mental notes. And immediately afterwards record your visit.

- This record should show:
1. Date and time of the visit.
 2. Correct name and address of the family visited.
 3. Number of members in the family, with their names and ages.
 4. Literature left with them.
 5. Local problems of interest to them.

The record should show that the family looks upon you as a friend to whom they may turn for all political assistance and advice. That is how you will establish your leadership in your neighborhood.

In a true sense, if you do your job well this year, our victory over poverty and reaction will greatly depend on you, the Canvasser.

Irvine's Comments

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That Socialization of the banks and industry as Socialists propose would bring about regimentation and would destroy our freedom to be in want, in fear, unemployed and in depression. Mr. Low agrees with that. Like Hitler he has set himself to destroy Socialism and to exploit Hitler as Hitler exploited the Jews and the Communists to achieve his purpose. Low and Carlisle talk the same language. That reminds us of Mr. Low's declaration at the last election to the effect that if his party could rock the C.C.F. on its heels in Alberta, there would be plenty of funds forthcoming to continue the fight against Socialism throughout Canada. Apparently the funds are forthcoming. The bankers will be more ready to finance an anti-Socialist rage than to finance an abundant peace.

Radio Fund Needs

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Sweet Thing (disgusted): "My boy friend has cold feet." Fond Auntie: "Shame on you, young lady. In my days we didn't find out those things until we were married."

LABOR DIRECTORY

Look Here for Information Regarding Officers, Meetings, etc., of Trade Unions and Other Labor Organizations in the Province

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Christians Awake!

By TOM RUSSELL

I have before me the Christmas number of the Canadian Social Creditor. It contains sixteen pages with much scripture quoted on most of them.

Quoting from page one, (in part), "Christians Awake!—Today the world faces the choice between Christ and anti-christ. This is the challenge which the Social Credit movement has taken up by becoming the spearhead of the Battle of the Ages."

Guess who the anti-christ is.

Page two—"Low Upholds Churchill—Sees Powerful Forces on Side of Communism"—Edmonton, Dec. 19th. The Hon. E. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit Association of Canada, has come out with a direct statement defending Prime Minister Churchill's stand on the Greek situation, etc., etc.

In another column.—Calgary.—Jukes and James address pensioners—"In (part)—and" he went on, "instead of the beggarly pittance of \$25 per month, I want to see the day soon when the pittance will be at least \$50 per month." No mention was made of Aberhart's unfulfilled promise of \$25 per month to all Albertans which would have made up the \$50.

Two pages are devoted to an old fashioned attack on the U. S. S. R., entitled "Answer to State Socialism." The average wage of Soviet citizens 17/6 per week compared with Australia £5/2/6, New Zealand £5/14, Britain £3/18/6, Canada £5/16, U. S. A. £4/14/6. The article continues in heavy type—"Living costs for everything but bread in Russia were two to three times higher than in the democracies."—"Soviet people who already are paying increased taxes are now turning over approximately one month's salary or wages to pur-

chase government bonds in addition."

That 17/6 per week intrigues me, first we must deduct one-twelfth for bonds, which leaves 16/—then divide it in halves to compare it with the purchasing power of Canadian money which makes it 8/—four cents less than two dollars.

Surely a little "Real Credit" is due the Stalin boys who are putting up such a great fight on only two bux per week.

On the open forum page a kindly lady by the name of Jane Murphy, under the heading, "Re Poison Gas," writes about "Mister David Lewis of the C.C.F., who is masquerading under a grand pair of Welsh names. The audacity of a man with not a single drop of Empire blood in his veins, but who wallows in the security bought with Empire blood! If he wants to oppose and fight the British Empire let him go back to his place of origin, wherever it is and join his kind—the Empire's natural enemies."

Jane has outlined our own Hon. Harry Stevens who in his broadcast, referred to David's Jewish parents. He said David was in fact a Rhodes scholar and a good fellow if it was not for his C.C.F. ideas.

Of course people should be very careful in their choice of parents. I'm quite sure Jane was very particular. Now don't get the idea that anti-christ are all of the masculine gender. Jane Murphy also conducts the "Women's Page" and she says she will be glad to have your suggestions and contributions. Her page is headed: "By Their Works." It seems that Jane differs from Dr. Charlotte Whitton, C. B. E., who wrote in the Chatelaine magazine—"The C.C.F. has shown more appreciation and partnership to its women than any other group, due probably to the general respect in which all but



By T. A. SHANDRO

The Northern Alberta branch of the Red Cross is benefitting to the extent of nearly \$400 a month as a result of unique broadcast activities by CJCA's "Jo-Jo."

Jo-Jo is a mechanical creation that was brought into prominence by Hal Yerxa, the "Uncle Hal" of the Byers Flour Mill Kiddies' Program ten months ago. Today, Jo-Jo's total fan mail is in the tens of thousands, and his Red Cross contributions are nearing the \$4,000 mark.

Requests for a Jo-Jo visit to towns and rural communities were so numerous that the station decided to broadcast the Kiddies' program each Saturday from a different town.

For the entertainment received, the audience contributes to the Red Cross.

Almost without exception overflow crowds have refilled the hall for one or two extra programs later in the evening.

At the time of writing the citizens of Lamont and district lead the contribution parade with \$195. Waskatenau is second with \$160.

Jo-Jo will broadcast from the following towns during January and February:

January 20, Lacombe; January 27, Leduc; February 3, Stony Plain; February 10, Fort Saskatchewan; February 17, Mundare.

the most prejudiced opinion holds that pioneer women parliamentarian, Agnes Macphail." Dr. Whitton also refers to the work done by the household science graduates who hold high office in "Women's Institutes." First on the list says Dr. Whitton is "Grace Woodworth MacInnis of the C.C.F."

Aggie and Grace have fairly got Jane's goat, so she proceeds to put them on the spot, and would you believe it, these two anti's have just about broken up the sanctity of our homes or will do if the spearhead don't get 'em.

Dr. Whitton also mentioned Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Sidney Webb and Mrs. Philip Snowden. Jane exposes these three as being responsible for "bringing Merrie England to the threshold of a sordid planned bureaucracy-ridden socialist state in which men and women have to pay an entrance fee to a vaudeville show (not forgetting the entertainment tax) to have something to laugh about. (Don't laugh, Jane's serious).

As for Susan Lawrence, Jane writes, "perhaps she was not just the wife of her husband, if she had one. That may be why we haven't heard so much about her."

Jane winds up by saying she is downright glad Dr. Whitton did not mention the lady Social Credit M.L.A.'s who are Christians with the true welfare of our nation and humanity at heart. We thought at first Jane was just a little caty in her reference to Susan Lawrence, but it may only be her Empire blood affected by this festive season of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men."

The leading editorial by John Patrick Gillespie fills a whole page, indicating the birth of the Child of Nazareth and the tidings of great joy really meant the Social Credit party, Solon Low et al. No mention was made of the child's parents, nationality, or if his blood was Empire brand.

Two whole pages are devoted to "The Sanity of Social Credit." Why, is there some doubt about it?

If this should come to the attention of the anonymous friend who sent me the copy of the Canadian Social Creditor, thanks. We will be looking for the next issue.

Labor Unions

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and we intend through our political action committees of the various unions in Owen Sound to do all possible to ensure the election of a candidate who will support labor's proposals for post-war security and full employment.

"We have examined the policies of the various parties offering themselves to the citizens of North Grey in this by-election and we have examined the record of the individual candidates.

Anti-Labor Record

"General McNaughton, the Liberal nominee, has made an important contribution to our war effort, but labor cannot ignore the fact that as candidate for the Liberal party he must carry the responsibility for the anti-labor record of the federal government.

"Mr. Case, the Conservative candidate, has an anti-labor record in municipal politics, having used his influence on many occasions to hamstring the organization of workers in this community. Mr. Case himself has been both a Liberal and a Conservative, having been an Independent Liberal candidate in the last federal election, after he lost the official Liberal nomination. Such political inconsistency does not commend his candidature but it does emphasize the similarity of political viewpoint on basic issues which characterizes both Liberal and Conservative parties.

"Air Vice-Marshal A. Earl Godfrey, the C.C.F. candidate, has a consistently pro-labor record. Since his retirement, with a forty year record from the armed services, he has been associated with Farmer and Bullock Co. With his assistance, the workers in that industry have since become unionized (being members of a union affiliated with our Congress). They enjoy union shop conditions and full security in their union rights. The management and union jointly agreed to cut working hours from ten to eight per day without reduction in pay. Godfrey has accepted the policy of labor for full employment. His acceptance of that policy is without reservations. The C.C.F. is the only political party in Canada which has endorsed the proposals for full employment advanced by both the A.F.L. and C.G.L.

"In view of these facts, and having examined all factors bearing on this campaign, we of the Owen Sound labor organizations endorse the candidature of Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Godfrey, the C.C.F. candidate, and recommend that the people of North Grey return him to Parliament in the by-election on February 6."

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A Bit of Nonsense

Classic typographical error was found in the Northwest Organizer. It read:

"That's a lot of fish—39 pounds. For sheer tricks, fight and stamina, give me a small-mouthed bass at sundown, any time!"

"Why are you looking so fed-up?"

"I bought a book called 'How to Make Love,' and I don't know what to do."

"Why?"

"Well, it says you take the girl's hand, look into her eyes, and say: 'I love you, eBatrice.'"

"What's wrong with that?"

"My girl's name is Lizzie."

A woman when launching her first ship was a little nervous. She turned to the shipyard manager standing beside her, and asked: "How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?"

An attorney in Iowa, unaware that a visiting judge disliked many of the laws of the state, brought a couple of armfuls of the statute books to court and piled them up on the floor. A dog happened to wander in, smelled the pile of leather-bound volumes, and immediately raised his hind leg in salute.

The bailiff yelled: "Get that blasted dog out of here!"

The judge banged the desk with his gavel and ordered:

"Leave that dog alone! His judgment of Iowa statutes is good!"

"Riley," pensively inquired Murphy, "do you believe in dreams?"

"Sure Ol do," replied Riley.

"Well, what's it a sign up if a married man dreams he's a bachelor?"

"It's a sign," replied Riley, "he's goin' to meet wid a great disappointment when he wakes up."

C.C.F. Mourns Loss Of D. B. O'Brien

Douglas O'Brien, familiarly known as "D. B.," one of the earliest pioneers of the Barrhead district, died at his home at Leighton on New Year's eve. A staunch C.C.F.'er and ardent supporter of the co-operative movement he will be greatly missed in the community. The sympathy of the movement is extended to his family.



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HOT FIGHT IN NORTH GREY

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vincial election of 1943 was good, about 28 per cent.

If the Liberals retain the seat, it will hardly affect the political situation one way or another. It is more interesting to speculate upon the Liberals losing the seat, and the Liberals are burning the midnight oil doing this very thing. If McNaughton is defeated, it will be little short of catastrophic for the Liberals and Mackenzie King knows it. This is why inspired stories appeared in the daily press, emanating from Ottawa and Montreal, threatening an immediate federal election should the Liberals be defeated. The stories were doubtlessly aimed at scaring the C.C.F., which the old parties are hoping will do hardly as well in a war election as it would in a peace-time election.

Liberals Worried

Word from the riding is that the chances that McNaughton will be defeated are good. In the first place, the riding is composed largely of British stock and therefore the government's manpower policies are in bad odour. Then the trade union strength which has shown itself in the past year is likely to thumb its nose at the government's labor policies. All in all the Liberals have something to worry about.

For the old parties, it is not bad enough that the C.C.F. has jumped into the contest. But what is worse it has put into the field the kind of candidate who is likely to give General McNaughton the toughest competition. Air Vice-Marshal Godfrey has had just as good a record in the air force as the General had in the army. He has been in the forces since the first world war. He climbed to his present position from the ranks, winning his promotions all the way. He retired from the

*services late in 1943, and shortly after joined the C.C.F. He is a personal friend of McNaughton's, but wants nothing to do with the General's political side.

In fact, he has found some of the General's political works decidedly odious, and doesn't hesitate to say so. These are his own words, "I have despised bankers, cartels and monopolies all my life. I'll fight to get that business into the hands of the government."

Wants Better Canada

While Mr. Godfrey is retired from active service, he wants something more for his country. "I would like to make this a better country. I have seen conditions in Canada which would bring tears to your eyes if you knew them. The standard of living in the United States is better than it is here and there is not any reason why it should be. The difference is that we have not the right kind of government here."

Mr. Godfrey is a very friendly and spirited person. His hominization has thrown a scare into the old parties. If he wins, and he has a very good chance, it will be another South York all over again, but double.

WIDE DEMAND FOR SECURITY BONDS

REGINA, Sask.—There is more than provincial interest in Saskatchewan's \$1,000,000 issue of Security Bonds for industrial development, according to a recent announcement by Hon. C. M. Fines, Provincial Treasurer.

Letters from as far away as Montreal and Alberni, B. C., have been coming into the Treasury Department from persons who wish to buy bonds and also sell them in their local communities.



By LORNE INGLE

SOCIALIST REFUGEES

I HAVE just spent a most interesting evening with a former European newspaper man who worked in the Socialist parties of central Europe until he came to Canada in the early part of this war.

During and after a delicious turkey dinner prepared by my friend's gracious and charming wife, we talked about Socialism and Socialist parties, and I caught a little glimpse from a Socialist's point of view of some of the things that were happening in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Norway and Greece as the black plague of Nazism spread over those countries. I learned too of the part that Socialists had played several years ago in the fighting in Austria during the rule of Chancellor Dollfuss.

As I listened to my friend and his wife, I found it hard to realize that this fascinating couple, educated, cultured and polished, were the same ones who had lately been fighting on the side of

the proletariat, dodging machine-gun bullets, smuggling their printing equipment from cellar to cellar, daringly distributing Socialist leaflets, when to be caught meant death, trying to lie convincingly to political police when bayonets pointed menacingly at their throats.

Arriving in Canada without a single friend to whom they might turn, unable to speak English and without knowing what they were going to do, my friends accidentally met one of our C.C.F. M.L.A.'s in B. C. All over the world there is a comradeship among Socialists that is hard to explain and harder to define. Beyond the meeting of minds and the resulting singleness of purpose there is a kindred spirit in the souls that breaks down all man-made barriers. In the contacts my friends made through the C. C. F. they found a warm welcome in Canada.

They are now both doing valuable secret work for the Dominion government, but they are looking forward to the day when they can get back to Europe and once more go to work for the Socialist ideals they cherish so dearly.

Talking with these people made me realize more clearly that we who believe in and work for the C.C.F. in Canada are not alone. Our movement is part of a world-wide movement whose ideals cut across international boundaries and know no distinctions of race, creed or color. Here indeed is a common basis for that world union on which must be built the brotherhood of man.

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The Grey North By-Election

February 5, 1945

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Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Godfrey has been nominated as CCF candidate in the Grey North federal by-election on February 5th. He will be opposed by General McNaughton and a Conservative candidate.

THE CCF CAN WIN NORTH GREY—just as we won South York against Arthur Melchen three years ago. South York started the "swing" to the CCF which has made us a leading national party today. Grey North will be a victory just as great—a victory that may well put the CCF in power at the next election.

THE CCF CAN WIN GREY NORTH—but only with your help. Elections cost money. Tens of thousands will be spent to beat us. We must match the old-party campaign funds with every dollar that we can raise.

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PERSONAL STUFF

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dent. I am not going to review it here. I refer to it because it makes something very plain.

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Down through the ages the cry of social-minded men has been against an economic system which, in the words of the Prophet Amos, made it possible for some to "lie upon beds of ivory . . . and eat of the lambs of the flock; that drink the best wines and anoint themselves with the finest ointments" and "make the poor of the land fail" that they "may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes." They have held up before the people a social order in which the inhabitants "would build the waste cities and inhabit them . . . plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof . . . make gardens and eat the fruit of them." This was the vision of the Utopians, of Saint-Simon, of Louis Blanc ("From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs") of Robert Owen, of Karl Marx and a host of others, most of whom contributed something vital to the cause of human understanding of the economic forces that operate in the world in which we live. In this great march of mankind toward a juster society the C.C.F. in Canada is playing an important part. It is providing the means by which the people of this nation can unite to control their political and economic destiny.

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It is no accident of political fortunes that has aligned all other political parties in Canada up in opposition to the C.C.F. It is not just chance that makes bank presidents and Solicitor General say the same things about the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. It is not the C.C.F. as an organization to which they are opposed. It is the Co-operative Commonwealth. They see the possibility of the people of Canada uniting, for the first time, to assume democratic control over the economic life of the country. Entrenched special privilege sees two great dangers in Canada. One is the political movement known as the C.C.F. The other is the co-operative movement in the economic field. All the forces of propaganda at the disposal of special privilege are being thrown into the fight against both these movements. If they can defeat the C.C.F., if they can destroy the co-operatives, the march of the people will be slowed down for another generation. It is as if 1945 may provide the vital test.

Reserve Seats Now For Ocean Flights

WINNIPEG—Such is the interest in trans-ocean flying that the traffic department of Trans-Canada Air Lines reports 64 persons had requested that their names be recorded on a waiting list for the first peace-time commercial crossing of the Atlantic as of last November 30.

T.C.A. operates the trans-Atlantic service for the Dominion government, carrying mail, freight and high-priority passengers. During the month of November, 12 east-bound and 13 west-bound flights were completed between Montreal and the United Kingdom. These involved the movement of 129,616 pounds of mail, 9,700 pounds of freight and 100 passengers.

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CO-OPERATION is

a word you hear repeated again and again in the C.C.Y.M. It is part of our name—the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement. Yet, sometimes we forget the significance of that word. To maintain a co-operative spirit, always and in spite of all difficulties and rebuffs, should be our common resolve. The dictionary defines co-operation as "working together to one end." That is what it should mean in the C.C.Y.M.

Co-operation should be a living force in our movement, not merely an abstract principle. Only through co-operation can we accomplish anything. A group single-minded of purpose has the strength of unity. Remember the well-known slogan of military strategists, "United we stand; divided we fall."

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MRS. Doris French, National President of the C.C.Y.M., paid a long-awaited visit to Edmonton on January 12. Mrs. French has held the position of national president for three months, succeeding Bill Green-grass, who also comes from Saskatchewan. Formerly Doris was president of the Saskatchewan C.C.Y.M., editor of the C.C.Y.M. page in the Saskatchewan Commonwealth, and legislative reporter for that paper. When she arrives in Ottawa she will take up the duties of national president as well as reporter in the Commons for the Co-operative Press Association to which all C.C.F. papers belong.

Before coming to Edmonton Mrs. French visited the group in Calgary. They held a well-attended meeting on Thursday evening and she described the C.C.Y.M. there as an "enthusiastic, lively bunch."

The highlight of the Edmonton meeting was Doris' talk. She began with a description of the recent national convention, where she was elected, and the tour which she is now making of C.C.Y.M. branches across Canada. Since she had just arrived from the west coast Doris described the Boag property to us, a house and grounds on the outskirts of Vancouver which is used as a meeting place by both the C.C.F. and C.C.Y.M. She spoke of the plan

to set up a C.C.Y.M. National office in Ottawa with a salaried secretary. The features of the convention which she stressed were the participation of young French-Canadians at a time when there was rioting in Montreal over the conscription issue, and the unanimous support which was accorded Mr. Coldwell's motion re conscription.

She devoted some time to a statement of the progress of the C.C.Y.M. in Saskatchewan. They now have 80 units there and 1,200 members. She enumerated the progressive measures recently passed by the Saskatchewan government and later answered some questions from the audience concerning them. An encouraging trend in that province is the way in which many of the young people who migrated to B. C. are now returning to Saskatchewan.

Doris urged that we should have something to offer the boys when they come back from overseas. Delmer Vallee, former C.C.Y.M.er and armed forces representative in the Saskatchewan legislature, said that after the first joy of home-coming the boys will miss the comradeship of the forces and that a democratic movement such as this should appeal to them.

"The C.C.Y.M. wishes to attract the best type of girl or boy to take an interest in public affairs," she said, "for it is lamentable that in the past the standard of public service has not always been high. A powerful youth movement of this type could have a great influence on Canada's history. As a result of its affiliation with one of the leading political parties the C.C.Y.M. could look forward to seeing the ideas which it proposed brought about through C.C.F. governments. The C.C.Y.M. study program was, therefore, education leading to political action."

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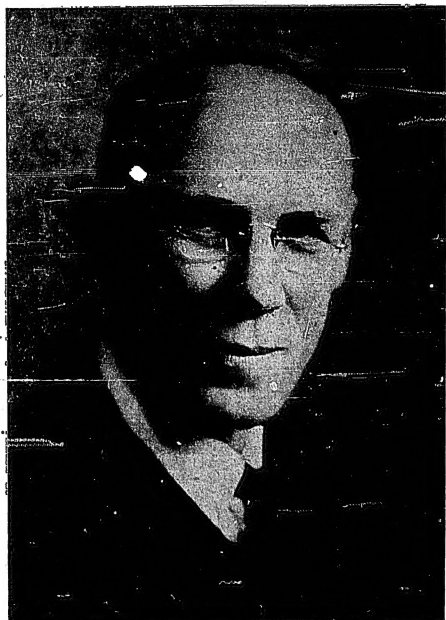
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